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SUBJECT: WAIYAKI VISIT TO ADDIS ABABA

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1. ALTHOUGH I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI(IN COMPANY OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG) AFTER RECEIPT OF REFTEL, CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING LARGE NUMBER OF PERIPHERAL PEOPLE PRESENT, MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL POINTS SET FORTH IN REFERENCE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE THIS MORNING. WAIYAKI STATED DURING CONVRSATION, HOWEVER, THT, WHILE IN ADDIS, HE INTENDED "TO MAKE POINTS RAISED DURING VISIT OF KENYAN DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON." I THUS CONCLUDE OUR PURPOSES WILL BE SERVED. WAIYAKI SAID HE WOULD BRIEF ME ON HIS DISCUSSIONS IN ADDIS UPON HIS RETURN TO NAIROBI.

2. WAIYAKI SAID THE PRIMARY REASON FOR HIS VISIT WAS TO ATTEMPT TO ASSESS CURRENT ETHIOPIAN POLICIES AND GET SOME FEEL FOR THE ATMOSPHERE IN ADDIS ABABA FOLLOWING THE VICTORY OVER SOMALIA.

3. WAIYAKI SAID THAT WHILE HE WOULD TRY TO PRESS CONCERNs HELD BY US AND OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS OVER SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA, CONCERNs WHICH KENYA SHARES, HE INTENDED MAKE NO EFFORT TO TURN CONFIDENTIAL

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EPMG AWAY FROM ITS MARXIST COURSE. SUCH AN EFFORT WOULD BE FUTILE AND WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF GOOD ETHIOPIAN-KENYAN RELATIONS, WHICH THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS MOST IMPORTANT.

4. WAIYAKI SAID THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS WOULD LEAVE ETHIOPIA IN SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS UNTIL THE ERITREAN

QUESTION IS SETTLED. WAIYAKI IS FULLY AWARE OF RATIONALE SET FORTH IN PARA. 6 OF REFERENCE, BUT HE IS CONVINCED THAT EPMG WILL SEEK MILITARY SOLUTION IN ERITREA AND WILL, THEREFORE, SEEK CONTINUED ASSISTANCE FROM SOVIETS AND CUBANS.

5. WAIYAKI SEEMED REASONABLY SATISFIED OVER US DECISION TO SUPPLY MILITARY AND DEVELOPMENT AID TO SOMALIA ONLY AFTER SIAD BARRE COMMITS HIMSELF TO RESPECT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF HIS NEIGHBORS--SPECIFICALLY THIS MEANS UNEQUIVOCAL RENUNCIATION OF CLAIMS TO NEIGHBORING TERRITORIES. WAIYAKI AGAIN, NEVERTHELESS, EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT SOMALIA WAS THREATENED BY NO ONE AND THUS DID NOT NEED DEFENSIVE ARMS, AND HE SAID THAT HE FELT SURE THAT ANY ARMS PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES OR OTHERS WOULD ULTIMATELY BE USED FOR AGGRESSIVE PURPOSES.

6. WAYIAMI REITERATED TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG KENYA'S DESIRE TO BUILD GOOD RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA, AND HE SAID THAT KENYA WAS READY AT ANY TIME TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE PROJECTS WITH THE SOMALIS ONCE THE MOGADISCIO GOVERNMENT RENOUNCED ITS CLAIM TO KENYAN TERRITORY. THIS, HE STATED, WAS AN ABSOLUTE PRECONDNTION OF ANY AMELIORATION IN SOMALI-KENYAN RELATIONS.

7. WAIYAKI SAID THE HE DID NOT FEEL THAT THERE WAS ANY GREAT PROSPECT OF SUCH A RENUNCIATION BEING MADE, AND HE PREDICTED THAT SIAD WOULD ATTEMPT TO MEND HIS FENCES WITH THE SOVIETS IN HOPES OF INDUCING MOSCOW ONCE AGAIN TO BUILD UP SOMALIA'S
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MILITARY STRENGTH.

8. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT WAIYAKI(AND HERE I BELIEVE HE ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE VIEWS OF THE REST OF THE KENYAN GOVZRNM-ENT)DOES NOT BELIEVE THE LOSS IN THE OGADEN HAS TAUGHT SIAD BARRE A LESSON. WAIYAKI SEES SOMALIA AS UNREPENTENT AND UNREGENRATATE, AND HE BELIEVES MOGADISCIO WILL AGAIN TAKE THE PATH OF MILITARY ADVENTURISM WHEN IT FEELS STRONG ENOUGH TO DO SO.

9. WAIYAKI LEFT NO DOUBT AS TO THE IMPORTANCE KENYA PLACES ON HER RELATIONSHIP WITH ETHIOPIA. ALTHOUGH THE NATURE OF ETHIOPIA'S GOVERNMENT IS ABHORENT TO KENYA, WAIYAKI(AND HIS COLLEAGUES) BELIEVE THAT ETHIOPIA'S NATIONALISM AND RESISTANCE TO SOMALI EXPANSIONISM GO MUCH DEEPER THAN DOES THE COMMITMENT TO MARXISM. CONSEQUENTLY, WHILE ETHIOPIA MAY BE "ALLIED" WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA, THE KENYANS FEEL THAT THE EPMG CAN BE COUNTED TO STAND WITH KENYA AGAINST THE SOMALI THREAT.

10 THE SOMALI DEFEAT IN THE OGADEN HAS NOT CHANGED KENYAN ATTITUDES TOWARD SOMALIA A WHIT. THEREFORE, IF WE BELIEVE A KENYA-SOMALIA RAPPROACHMENT TO BE DESIRABLE IN ASSISTING US TO CHECK THE SOVIET PRESENCE IN THE HORN, THEN WE SHOULD BEND EVERY

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